

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 AT 5 P.M. VIA GOOGLE MEET.**

**MAYOR:** Louie A. Trujillo

**COUNCILORS:** David G. Romero  
Elaine Rodriquez  
Michael L. Montoya  
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** William Taylor, City Manager  
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk  
Scott Aaron, City Attorney  
Adrian Crespin, Chief of Police

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Romero called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Mayor Trujillo was having technical difficulties and logged on at 5:15 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., asked for a moment of silence for all those we lost in the community and around the world and to keep their families in our prayers and also to keep us safe from covid.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Romero asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Elaine Rodriguez	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

City Clerk Fresquez read the public input from Elizabeth Juarros into the record,

*"I am writing on behalf of the Friends of the Gallinas River park, a project of the Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance. Our contribution to the public comments to the Mayor and Council during tonight's special city council meeting. The Friends of the Gallinas River park strongly supports the City's 2021 Capital Outlay request for the Gallinas River park. Every member of our community benefits from a revitalized river park in the center of town. Honoring the exceptional quality of the Gallinas River is vital for the community of Las Vegas to sustain its unique cultural and historical identity and improve overall quality of life. With broad support from across the community, 2019-2020 Capital Outlay awards for the Gallinas River park have been dedicated to moving this work forward. All funds from the 2019 request have been spent to develop shovel ready drawings for the park and most of the funds from the 2020 award have been obliged to start construction. To date the Friends of the Gallinas River park has achieved approximately one fifth of the project's total budget and has demonstrated robust commitment to carrying out this vision. Further funding from the State Legislature will help to ensure continued success of this grand project. Many thanks for your time and consideration, with warm regards, Elizabeth."*

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Montoya advised changes in the minutes for the December 9th, 2020 meeting and advised on pg. 2 it should read Councilor Montoya was appointed to

the Finance Committee and on pg. 8 item number 5, it should read in the vote that Councilor Romero abstained.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the minutes for December 9th, 16th, 2020 with the changes he stated. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. The prioritization of projects from the ICIP list for presentation to our legislators for possible legislative funding.

Community Development Director Bill Hendrickson gave a brief explanation regarding the priority list and advised they met with North Central New Mexico Cog., and suggested a spreadsheet for a summary list of the projects.

Mayor Trujillo advised he spoke with State Representatives and they suggested having six priority projects that would be fully funded.

Councilor Rodriguez asked about the replacement of meters not being on the priority list and the GIS and CAD program.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised all meters had been replaced in 2012-2013 and are replaced as needed and are looking at upgrading from an AMR to an AMI. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised they would need software and manual labor for the GIS program.

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., suggested focusing on those projects that have already been funded or partially funded.

Community Development Director Hendrickson advised the State Engineer's Office possibly giving funding and NMDOT giving funding for roads.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry gave a brief presentation regarding the priority list for the Utilities Department.



Discussion and questions took place regarding the utility extension for High Plains Meat Processing and why it was on the ICIP.

Councilor Montoya advised there are other projects they need to focus on and for every Director to give the Council their top four priority projects.

Utilities Director Gilvarry gave her list of top priorities starting with the first priority; the Wastewater Collection System, Aging Water Line Infrastructure, the 8th street waterline extension, the SCADA system, Peterson Dam and last on the list, the maintenance shop for Solid Waste.

Public Works Manager Danny Gurule gave his list of top priorities starting with the first priority, the Legion project, Hot Springs Blvd. project, the Roadway Maintenance/Snow Removal Dump Truck and last on the list, the Asphalt Zipper.

Discussion took place regarding a cost analysis for road equipment.

Parks and Recreation Manager Stephen Aragon gave his list of top priorities starting with the first priority; the Rodriguez Sports Complex, the Plaza Park Electrical upgrade, the Riverwalk project and last on the list, Hanna Park and City Lighting.

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., agreed with Parks and Rec Manager Aragon with his first and second priority projects.

Community Services Director Wanda Salazar gave her two top priorities starting with the first priority; the Historic City Museum and Municipal Court Facility repairs and the Historic Carnegie Library Facility repairs.

Community Development Director Hendrickson spoke about the reconstruction of Old City Hall, the Dee Bibb Industrial Park Infrastructure improvement and the Westside Farmers Market renovation.

Police Chief Adrian Crespín gave his top priorities which were, Police Vehicle replacements and Police Radio System upgrades.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the difference in vehicles and the radio system.

Councilor Montoya suggested all Directors submit their list of twelve top priority projects by Wednesday and submit the whole list to the Legislators.

Discussion took place regarding how to proceed with choosing the top projects from the priority list.

Councilor Rodriquez advised the constituents priorities are policing, Utilities and roads.

City Manager Taylor suggested for everyone to send in their top twelve projects as soon as possible to be ready by Wednesday.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Mayor Pro Tem Romero for starting the meeting and denounced the riots in Washington that took place and advised it was deplorable, a threat to our constitution and people of America expect better from their leaders.

Mayor Trujillo recognized the passing of Robert Quintana who was a big benefactor in the community and sent his condolences to his family.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

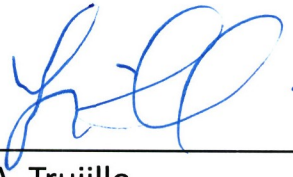
There was no need for executive session

### **ADJOURN**

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Rodriquez seconded the motion. All were in favor.

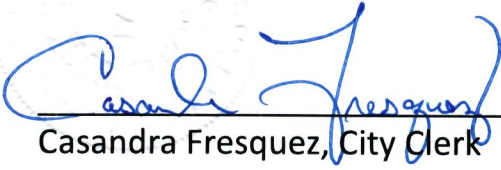
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.



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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk